

The Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Board Meeting
June 27, 2016

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was conducted on June 27, 2016 at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Members Present

Derek C. Drury, Board Chair
October 1, 2018 – Certified Practicing Interpreter
Amber Fox-Young, Board Secretary (Arrived late)
October 1, 2016 – Sign Language Interpreter
Kathy Spiro (Dismissed Early)
October 1, 2018 – Certified Practicing Interpreter
Kevin P. Hamilton
October 1, 2017 – Consumer Representative
Nina Coyer, Vice Chair
October 1, 2017 – Certified Deaf Interpreter
Dorothy Kerr
October 1, 2017 – Certified Practicing Interpreter
Rachel Morgan (Dismissed Early)
October 1, 2019 – Certified Practicing Interpreter

Occupations and Professions

Amy Parker, Board Administrator
Susan Ellis, Administrative Section Supervisor
Robin Vick, Administrative Section Supervisor

Interpreters

Molly Howard
Kelly Peace

Board Counsel

Marcus Jones, Attorney

Guests

Dodie Karr
James Karr
Marsha Taylor
Juanita Couch
Roni Lepore

Call to Order

Mr. Drury, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Swearing in of new board members

Kelly Walls swore in Dorothy Kerr and Rachel Morgan.

Minutes

Ms. Coyer made a motion to approve the March 28, 2016 minutes. Ms. Spiro seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

The financial reports for March, April and May of 2016 were reviewed by the Board.

Susan Ellis presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the Board. Mr. Hamilton motioned to accept the Memorandum of Agreement. Motion, seconded by Ms. Spiro, carried unanimously.

O&P Update Report

Ms. Vick updated the Board regarding changes to expiration dates to include the grace period as viewed using the online license verification system.

Ms. Vick proceeded to explain the interpreter directory would be implemented as the system continued to develop. Eventually, the directory would update automatically as new licenses are entered, as renewals are processed, and as licensees update their information using their eServices account.

Board Chair Report

Mr. Drury reported that the Moratorium will be lifted effective July 1st. They will be scheduling testing as early as September. The Board will still work toward an alternate licensing option.

Board Attorney Report

Mr. Jones discussed with the Board whether temporary extension denials were appealable.

Mr. Jones updated the Board on a new addition to the Attorney General's Office, Gordon Slone, who will be working part time.

Mr. Jones discussed email as a form of communication with licensees. Mr. Jones suggested incorporating it into the regulations in order to go paperless.

Full Licensure

Ms. Kerr made a motion to accept these application recommendations as specified:

- Sarah Gibbs – Approve
- Jason Moreno – Approve
- Deborah Porter – Approve
- Shara Stanley – Approve

Ms. Coyer seconded the motion to accept these recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.

Continuing Education

Ms. Spiro made a motion to accept these application recommendations as specified:

- English Prep – Winter Session – Approve
- BEI Test Overview – What is the Test Testing? – Approve

Ms. Kerr seconded the motion to accept these recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- EIPA: Qualifications for renewal – Tabled
- Regulation Changes: – Tabled
 1. Specific requirements for “mentor of record”
 2. Allow for redacting name on complaints
- Correspondence received from Brian Tyler – Mr. Drury motioned, seconded by Ms. Morgan to refund Mr. Tyler's licensure fee and send a denial letter outlining the violation of law, sending a copy of the letter to the agency that employed Mr. Tyler and including that Mr. Tyler should not practice interpreting in the state of Kentucky. The motion carried unanimously.
- Correspondence received from Tina McFarland – Mr. Drury will write a response to Ms. McFarland's letter.
- Revisions to proposed regulation drafts for 201 KAR 39:001, 201 KAR 39:030, and 201 KAR 39:070 were discussed.
- Drafted revisions to the Application for Licensure were reviewed.

New Business

- Correspondence received from Marsha Taylor with concerns. Marsha Taylor, Dodie Karr, and Juanita Couch gave testimonies regarding how exclusivity contracts between businesses and agencies or interpreters have negatively affected their lives. Issues of privacy, miscommunication, dialect confusion, reliability, and time sensitivity were brought before the Board.
- Roni Lepore addressed the Board to request consideration for lowering fees for certified deaf interpreter licenses. Ms. Lepore also inquired about reciprocity.
- Emails from Mr. Drury and Ms. Coyer regarding BEI, CDI, and NIC were reviewed.
- A request for an extension on obtaining continuing education hours was received from J. Eric Workman. Mr. Hamilton motioned to allow a waiver of the late fee and grant an extension on obtaining continuing education until August 30, 2016. Motion, seconded by Ms. Coyer, carried unanimously.

Complaints

#1601 – Ongoing

#1602 – Ongoing

#1604 – Dismissed

#1605 – Ongoing

#1606 – Ongoing

Ms. Coyer motioned to dismiss complaint 1604 retroactive to the March 28, 2016 meeting. Motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, carried unanimously.

Ms. Kerr motioned for the Board Attorney to compose and send advisory letters on behalf of the Board and copy the employers for complaints 1601, 1602, and 1605. Motion, seconded by Ms. Coyer, carried unanimously.

Approval of Travel

Mr. Drury made a motion to approve travel for eligible board members. Ms. Coyer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Board Meeting Date

September 26, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. for the committee meetings. The board meeting will begin once committee work is completed, sometime after 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment – Motion made to adjourn by Ms. Kerr. Motion and seconded by Ms. Coyer. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Derek Drury, Board Chair

Minutes Prepared by Amy Parker, Board Administrator